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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting DD/P

SUBJECT: Utilization of Foreign Manpower

1. This memorandum is for your information. It outlines briefly the decisions reached at a meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Utilization of Foreign Manpower, on Wednesday, 3 December 1958. Full minutes of the meeting will be furnished by the Recording Secretary at a later date.

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2. The members of the Working Group had been furnished with copies of General Erskine's proposed plan for the formation of [REDACTED] with foreign affiliates. Mr. Smith of the Department of State advised that the reaction to the plan in the Department had been almost entirely and quite strongly opposed to the plan because of political reasons. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Working Group should advise Mr. Quarles that it had not been able to reach agreement on the plan, and request further guidance as to whether the Group should continue its studies and along what lines.

3. I was queried as to the attitude of CIA toward the proposed plan. I stated that undoubtedly there were some persons in the Agency who agreed with the Department of State position, but that my instructions from the DDCI had been to assist General Erskine as much as possible in the drafting of a plan for the overt utilization of foreign manpower. The Working Group had been set up by exchange of correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, and CIA participation in the deliberations of the Group have been on an informal basis with the understanding that the subject matter under study by the

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Group was overt in nature. I stated that the acceptance or rejection of the plan was a matter between the Department of State and the Department of Defense.

4. Mr. Smith then asked for the status of a proposed joint study by State, Defense, and CIA on covert operations, which had been raised by correspondence some months ago between the DCI and the Department of State. I replied that no further instructions had been received as to the undertaking of such a study. It is probable that Mr. Smith will raise this matter with Mr. Herter or Mr. Murphy.



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